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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Marc DE BLOCK  
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Title : METHODS AND MEANS FOR INCREASING THE  
TOLERANCE OF PLANTS TO STRESS CONDITIONS  
TC/Art Unit : 1638  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 5, 2007 ("Restriction Requirement"), in the above-captioned application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions for an one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to respond to the Restriction Requirement. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Accordingly, the time for response will be extended up to and including April 5, 2007. In the event that any fee is deemed necessary by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to enter and consider this response or to maintain the present application pending, please charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

This response is provided in the following format:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.